

OIC continues Gulf mediation

ATHENS (R) — The Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) is continuing its peace talks with Iran and Iraq with a view to presenting new proposals for a settlement of the Gulf war, OIC Secretary-General Habib Chatti told Reuters Tuesday. Mr. Chatti, who is also secretary of the OIC peace committee mediating in the war, said the last peace mission in October had failed partly because it coincided with a new Iranian offensive. He said he could not yet give a date for the next OIC peace move and that among the obstacles were the military operations which gave the advantage to one or other of the belligerents. "By avoiding such obstacles it will be possible for the OIC committee to work on a peace plan which will not be the result of a war," he added.

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Baader-Meinhof leader arrested

KARLSRUHE, West Germany (R) — Police Tuesday caught West Germany's number one urban guerrilla suspect, Christian Klar, digging an underground arms dump in woodland outside Hamburg, the federal prosecutor's office said. A spokesman said a second man escaped into woodland near the village of Frielingen and was being hunted by special police units. Mr. Klar, 30, is regarded by police as the head of the extreme left-wing "Red Army Faction" (RAF) better known abroad as the Baader-Meinhof group. Police said Klar was wanted for questioning in connection with a number of political killings that rocked the country in 1977, including the kidnap and murder of employers' leader, Hans-Martin Schleyer.

Air France expects to lose \$109m. in 1982

PARIS (R) — State-owned Air France said Tuesday it expected to make a loss of 800 million francs (\$109 million) in 1982. But Chairman Pierre Giraudet said the company was in better shape than some other airlines and had no plans to shed staff or cancel aircraft orders although it would slow its investment programme. The expected loss, on turnover estimated at 20 billion francs (\$2.7 billion), compared with a deficit of 380 million francs (\$52 million) in 1981. The world airline industry is unlikely to show signs of recovery until at least 1984, according to estimates by the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

Greece, U.S. end first round of talks

ATHENS (R) — Greek and U.S. negotiators have completed the first round of talks on the future of American military bases in Greece, a government spokesman said Tuesday. The spokesman said the negotiations, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Yannis Kapidis and State Department official Reginald Bartholomew, held eight meetings since the talks opened here on Oct. 27. The talks will resume on Dec. 8, he added.

The negotiators "examined the political framework for a possible agreement concerning the terms for the status and operation of the bases," he said. Mr. Bartholomew left for Washington Tuesday to brief his government. In return for U.S. use of the bases, Greece wants substantial defence aid, investments to boost the country's economy, and a NATO defence commitment guaranteeing its eastern border from possible attack from Turkey.

Polls predict Sharon losing support

TEL AVIV (R) — Public backing for Israel's hard-line Defence Minister Ariel Sharon has dropped since the Beirut massacre of Palestinians, according to an opinion poll published Tuesday. The poll in the Jerusalem Post showed that only 37.5 per cent of Israelis considered him the best person to serve as defence minister compared with 9 per cent before the massacre in mid-September. The survey suggested that Prime Minister Menachem Begin's popularity had recovered slightly. Some 44.8 per cent rated him the best suited politician to be prime minister, compared with 42.9 per cent after the massacre.

N.Ireland violence claims another victim

BELFAST (R) — A 64-year-old Catholic, shot in the stomach while he served customers at his Belfast grocery shop Tuesday, died later in hospital, the latest victim of sectarian violence in Northern Ireland. Police said two youths, with scarves partly covering their faces, were responsible. They escaped on a motorcycle. Detectives said a Protestant para-military group was believed to be behind the killing.

King leads Arab team into 'encouraging' talks in France

PARIS (R) — King Hussein led a high-level Arab delegation in what he described as extremely encouraging talks Tuesday with President Francois Mitterrand on proposals for Middle East solution.

The meeting was held on the second of five trips planned by the Arab League to brief permanent members of the United Nations Security Council on a plan adopted at a summit in the Moroccan city of Fez in September.

King Hussein, who is expected to play a key role in new efforts to solve the Palestinian problem, told reporters the talks had been "extremely encouraging and very useful."

The Mitterrand administration has given cautious approval to the Arab plan, which calls for a Palestinian state and Israel's with-

drawal to the frontiers it occupied before the 1967 war. But it has urged the Arab states to accord Israel explicit rather than implicit recognition—an element in a set of proposals France has been promoting along with Egypt.

Earlier this month, King Hussein urged the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to recognise Israel. He said Tuesday he believed mutual recognition would come as part of a durable settlement.

The delegation which met Mr. Mitterrand Tuesday included the

foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Tunisia and Syria, Morocco's education minister, Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi and PLO political affairs chief Farouk Kaddoumi.

It was Mr. Kaddoumi's second meeting with Mr. Mitterrand.

The French president has said he would not receive PLO leader Yasser Arafat until the organisation recognised Israel's existence.

Mr. Arafat has had several meetings with French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson.

The first Arab League delegation dispatched to explain the PLO proposals was led by Morocco's King Hassan II to Washington last month.

U.S. officials believe King Hussein, who is due to visit Washington next month, can play a pivotal role in efforts to establish a Palestinian entity on the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan

and Gaza Strip.

President Reagan proposed such an entity in "association with Jordan" in a peace plan on Sept. 1.

France has been conducting an intensive diplomatic effort over the Middle East over the past year and helped negotiate the withdrawal of Palestinian forces from Beirut.

France's peace proposals are based on the principle of guarantees of security for all states in the region including a Palestinian one.

French officials argue that their country's proposals fall half way between the Reagan plan and the Arab plan.

France's drive to play a role in the peace process was expected to intensify next week during a scheduled visit by Mr. Mitterrand to Egypt.

Earlier this year, the Socialist president became the first French leader to visit Israel.

Hussein, Khaddam discuss bilateral relations

PARIS (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein received at his residence in Paris on Tuesday Syrian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam. They discussed Jordanian-Syrian relations and the mission of the seven-member committee and its moves to explain the Arab peace plan. The King is leading the delegation in talks with France, China and the Soviet Union.

King Hussein also received on Tuesday evening Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmad Taleb Ibrahimi who was accompanied by the Algerian ambassador in Paris. Later, the King received Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal who was accompanied by the Saudi ambassador in Paris.

The talks centred on the meeting of the committee with French President Francois Mitterrand, held at noon on Tuesday.

They reviewed ways to strengthen joint Arab efforts on the international level to gain support for the Palestine issue. They also discussed Jordan's relations with each of Algeria and Saudi Arabia.

King Hussein received on Tuesday evening French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson. King Hussein explained to Mr. Cheysson the principles and bases of the Arab peace plan and Israel's policy of constructing settlements in the occupied Arab territories as well as its disregard of the United Nations Security Council and General Assembly.

They also discussed European-Arab and Jordanian-French relations and ways to strengthen and develop them in the various fields.

The meetings were attended by Royal Court Chief Ahmad Al Lawzi and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem.

Ibrahim receives Australian envoy

AMMAN (Petra) — Occupied Territories Affairs Minister and Acting Foreign Minister Hassan Ibrahim Tuesday received a copy of the credentials of the new Australian ambassador to Jordan, Richard Gate.

No details were released on what had transpired but the two entered the conference chamber smiling and exchanged banter before reporters were cleared from the room.

Zimbabwe, a major beneficiary of American aid, welcomed Mr. Bush in style with a 19-gun salute, tribal dances and a banquet hosted by Mr. Mugabe.

But behind the ceremonial, some blunt speaking was expected.

Zimbabwe accuses South Africa of trying to destabilise its black neighbours and charge the Reagan administration with being too sympathetic towards Pretoria's policies.

It also accuses Pretoria of taking advantage of Washington's soft-line to drag its feet over granting independence to Namibia (South West Africa), which it rules in defiance of the United Nations.

Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Chester Crocker was in Mr. Bush's party. U.S. officials said Mr. Crocker planned to go to South Africa from Zimbabwe, probably Wednesday.

Zimbabwe is an important member of the "front-line" states, most closely concerned with the Namibia issue. Like the other members—Tanzania, Zambia, Botswana, Mozambique and Angola—it resists any attempt to link a withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola to an independence settlement in the territory.

Before he left the United States, Mr. Bush told reporters he thought a Namibian deal would be impossible unless the Cubans went home.

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politics.

The signals on Afghanistan emerged from a preliminary round of Kremlin meetings held by Mr. Andropov Monday following the funeral of President Leonid Brezhnev.

One Western diplomat said: "The signals are puzzling. But the objective realities of the situation suggest there is unlikely to be any sharp change in the Soviet position."

About 100,000 Soviet troops have been underpinning Mr. Karmal's Marxist government since December 1979 and the Kremlin has often said that Pakistan must recognise the Kabul government if it wishes to normalise relations with its neighbour.

Diplomats noted that Moscow television Monday night showed Gen. Zia shaking hands cordially with Mr. Andropov, a contrast with the normally strong criticism of the Pakistani leader by the Sovi-

et press.

The sources expressed surprise

that the official Soviet media was instructed to mention specifically that the talks "touched on questions concerning the situation in Afghanistan".

Jordanian-Palestinian ties praised

AMMAN (Petra) — The representatives, youth and elders of the refugees at the camps of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip cities and villages have welcomed Jordanian-Palestinian cooperation and coordination. This came in a press conference they held on Monday at Beit Al Maa' Ayn camp No. 1. The minutes of the press conference was published in the Jerusalem-based Arabic newspaper Al Quds. The participants in the press conference hailed the stands of His Majesty King Hussein and Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat and expressed their support of the steps and efforts made to establish peace in the area and to enable the Palestinian people to regain their right to self-determination.

Iraq thwarts 2 new Iranian attacks

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Iraq said Tuesday it had crushed two new attacks by Iran in the Gulf war, one launched Monday night in the central sector of the battlefield and the other Tuesday morning in the southern sector.

The official Iraqi News Agency (INA) quoted a military spokesman as saying both attacks were aimed at pushing into Iraqi territory but he did not make clear whether the Iranians had in fact crossed the border at any stage.

The first attack was launched in the area of Mandali, the closest point on the front to Baghdad and the scene of a previous Iranian offensive last month.

The agency quoted the military spokesman as saying that Iraqi forces had crushed the attack at dawn after a night of fierce battles.

A number of Iranian prisoners had been taken and equipment, including tanks, had been captured, INA said.

Later, the agency reported the spokesman as saying the Iranians had mounted another attack further south in the Misan region early Tuesday.

This had also been crushed but Iraqi troops were still chasing the remnants of the attacking force, the spokesman said.

The Iraqi spokesman described the second attack as extensive and said it was directed against units of Iraq's fourth army, target of several Iranian assaults earlier this month.

A week ago Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said the Iranians had penetrated five kilometres into Iraqi territory during these attacks.

Iraq announced in June that it was withdrawing from all the Iranian territory it had occupied

Jordanian pavilion wins first position at Baghdad International Fair

BAGHDAD (Petra) — The Jordanian pavilion at Baghdad International Fair has won the first position in the fair because the Jordanian pavilion was well-managed and the goods exhibited in terms of quantity, quality and design were popular. He said the pavilion indicates the great economic progress achieved by Jordan as well as the high quality of the industrial products exhibited.

On this occasion, a special reception was given at the fair's hall during which Director General of the Iraqi Exhibitions Establishment, Falih Mirza, Mahmoud handed the Director of the Jordanian pavilion, Ahmad Ajlouni an award and a golden medal.

Mr. Mirza made a speech on the occasion praising the Jordanian pavilion and the other winning pavilions coming after Jordan.

In an exclusive statement to the

correspondent of the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Mr. Mirza said Iraq is proud that Jordan has won the first position in the fair because the Jordanian pavilion was well-managed and the goods exhibited in terms of quantity, quality and design were popular. He said the pavilion indicates the great economic progress achieved by Jordan as well as the high quality of the industrial products exhibited.

Mr. Ajlouni thanked the Iraqi government, the people and the directors of the Arab and friendly pavilions as well as the representatives of the international companies who visited the pavilion and praised the facilities rendered by the Iraqi government.

Mr. Ajlouni estimated the number of people who visited the pavilion Monday at well over 150,000.

Commandos attack Israeli patrol in Beirut

SHOUAIKAT, Lebanon (R) — An Israeli army patrol escaped a rocket-launched grenade attack in this mainly Muslim town south of Beirut Tuesday and killed one of three assailants in a hail of gunfire as residents ran for cover.

Witnesses said one Israeli was wounded in the face as a grenade from a Soviet-made RPG-7 rocket launcher tore a hole in an armoured personnel carrier.

Israeli military sources said later the patrol escaped higher casualties because the grenade did not explode.

The patrol, two jeeps and two armoured personnel carriers, was driving inland along the main road from the Mediterranean coast to Israeli positions south-east of Beirut at 6.30 a.m. (0430 GMT) when three men fired the RPG-7 from a car parked by an orchard.

A few passers-by and people in nearby flats fired cover as the Israeli's rained automatic rifle and machine-gun fire on the orchard.

Most of the fighting has been between right-wing Christian militiamen and the leftist Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP).

Meanwhile, the United States marines, who form part of the multinational force in Lebanon, were reported ready Tuesday to extend their positions up towards the Shouf mountains as far as Baabda, site of the Lebanese presidential palace.

They said the dead man was identified as an ethnic Kurd from Turkey, possibly fighting on behalf of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) or a leftist group.

Shouf was tense Tuesday partly because of the attack on the Israelis but also because of recent clashes in the area between leftist Druze and right-wing Christians.

A marines spokesman said there were no immediate plans for any expansion of their positions, at present around Beirut Airport with daily patrols into mainly Christian east Beirut.

But other marines sources hinted that they might soon be increasing their positions and said: "We are ready to move." The sources said a move as far as Baabda, where the Israelis are stationed at present, would not signify any U.S. government change of policy since it was within their original mandate but had been stalled for political or diplomatic reasons.

Artillery fire could be heard in the early afternoon before Israeli troops moved in and imposed a curfew, residents of nearby areas said. Israeli military sources at Baabda, a few miles from the fighting, confirmed it was going on but declined to give details.

Dozens of people have been killed in the mountain area in the past few weeks, making it Lebanon's major trouble spot now that Beirut, patrolled by the Lebanese army and U.S., French and Italian forces, is relatively peaceful.

The investigators, who are to deliver their report at the end of the week, have virtually ruled out sabotage as the cause of the explosion at army headquarters in Tyre, the radio said.

Military experts say the building was poorly constructed and had apparently collapsed as a result of the explosion.

The reported directives suggest Israel now intends to act against pro-Jordanian Palestinians it has considered moderates in the past.

Parliamentarian Dror Zeliger of the ruling Likud Party was quoted by Haaretz as saying the directives appeared to violate terms of Palestinian autonomy set out in the Camp David accords.

The opposition Labour Party called on the government to revoke the directives, Israel Radio reported.

A general election is not con-

tinuously due before 1984 but some political experts predict Mr. Pertini will have to call one if Mr. Fanfani fails to win sufficient support to form a government.

Mr. Fanfani is a centre-right politician who has moderated his views since becoming senate leader in 1976. In this post he often deputies for the head of state at official functions such as the funeral of Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev in Moscow.

He was twice national secretary or leader of the Christian Democrats and headed four governments in the 1950s and 1960s. One of these lasted only 12 days, a short rule even by the standards of

Italian revolving-door politics.

A diminutive, balding figure with a thin moustache and piercing black eyes, the "professor" (little professor) has in the past aroused criticism for his authoritarian, paternalistic style.

He fiercely opposed the legalisation of abortion in Italy and Communists once charged that he also favoured certain aspects of the Mussolini dictatorship.

But Mr. Fanf

HOME REPORT

Aiche Lemsine to publish new book on East Arab society

How do Arabs view their social issues?

By Suzanne Zu'nnut-Black
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — In preparation for her coming book, to be published shortly in French, Aiche Lemsine, a remarkably dynamic Algerian writer, interviewed more than a thousand people representing 13 different Middle Eastern Arab countries. Her questionings aim at no less than recording the aspirations and worries of the Arab man and woman in these areas concerning their society, which the writer considers as revolving around the Arab woman.

Over the last four years, Aiche travelled all over the Middle East from her base in Amman, where she has been living with her husband, the Algerian ambassador to Jordan, and their three children. Although a hindrance at times, her position and the duties that go with it have been an asset. "Time is limited by social activities," Aiche complains but hastens to add that they have been a source of intellectual enrichment for her.

The coming publication is a factual work dealing with the Arab East as opposed to Aiche's first two books, which are novels placed in the Arab West. *The Chrysalis*, published in 1976, when it

won the Librarian Prize in France, and *Heaven of Porphyry*, both revolve around the Algerian Revolution and its aftermath.

In each country to be covered in her new book, Aiche interviewed "around 100 people, men and women, from various levels of society and from different walks of life." She insists that the Arab people have never been asked what they want and that previous works of Arab writers have been confined to personal experiences. "This book is the recording of the Arab people's views on social issues," the writer explained.

In addition, she sees the book as providing some form of public relations platform amongst the Arabs themselves. "There is a little exchange of information within the Arab nation. Arabs do not understand each other's customs, dress, traditions or thoughts. An Egyptian, for example, knows very little about a Kuwaiti."

Through the book Aiche also aspires to generate a dialogue between the Arab man and woman, and to initiate a further dialogue between the Arab World and the West. "There is deafness all around," she proclaims. She accuses the Western media of being blindfolded and under the inf-

luence of an Arab image created by Zionist propaganda, which she refers to as "intellectual terrorism."

Besides seeking the opinions of Arabs on the future development of their society, in her interviews she also tries to elicit their impressions of the West. In this way, the book can present to the West the Arab's own image of himself as an alternative to the West's established point of view, Aiche says.

Interviewees have been asked to express their views on Islam, the Arab identity, the Arab woman and what is needed for her emancipation. The questions also touch on the Arab view of the emancipation of the Western woman and whether it should be taken as a prototype for the Arab

Elaborating on the samples chosen, Aiche stressed that the opinions are genuinely representative of each country since they embrace all facets of society. Those interviewed included religious men of all faiths, statesmen, intellectuals, illiterates, peasants, bedouins, young and old. The author calls her book a "people's conference for the Arab East," as well she might since the countries represented are North Yemen, South Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt, Sudan, Jordan and Palestine.

"Through 'is conference' we have tried to prescribe a remedy for the ills of our society," says Aiche. She sees the Arab woman as the base of this society, which nevertheless, "keeps her illiterate, confined and in servitude." Despite these restrictions, even the humblest Arab woman struck Aiche as "aware, intelligent, and of an independent mind."

When talking about the Arab women's liberation movement she sees it only as going hand in hand with a movement to liberate the Arab man. "Women's liberation is not against the Arab man but with him," Aiche emphasised. She referred to the saying "Behind every great man is a woman" as a creation of the West and insisted that the Arab woman wants to be right at the side of the man.

"At the moment, however, the body of the Arab woman which is the same thing as the body of the Arab World, is ailing and imprisoned," according to Aiche. In answer, she calls for the recognition of the Arab woman as a whole human being and for help to allow her to take an active role in society in addition to her role as mother and housewife.

Aiche's research leads her to believe that the emancipation of the Arab woman should not follow blindly the lines of the Western woman but should benefit from her mistakes. She pointed out that it was only long after the women's liberation movements in the West started did the Western woman make demands for special

advantages, such as day nurseries, readjustment of working hours, maternity leave, and equal pay. The writer considers these as pressing demands to accompany the Arab woman's emancipation from the outset.

She has sensed that Arab women want a solid base and so demand the help of the law.

Islam distorted

In the liberation of the Arab woman Aiche sees that Islam, in its essence, can play a constructive role. But she points out that Islam has often been distorted and its positive elements have been taken away from the woman. Here Aiche cites as an example the fact that at the time of the Prophet Mohammad Arab women worked and went to war and were the first nurses ever. She refers specifically to Khadija, the Prophet's first wife, who was a successful businesswoman, older than the Proph-

phet, the one to ask his hand and his only wife while she lived. Indeed a very different picture from the accepted one today of the Arab Muslim woman.

"In the essence of Islam the woman is respected, loved and free," insisted Aiche and stressed the need for every Muslim woman to study Islam carefully so as to be able to argue back when men try to limit her freedom in the name of Islam.

"The Koran is for all and not only for the theologians, some of whom may even distort it."

A misconception of Islam that Aiche explains is the veil. She traces the veil that covers the head back to the Jews and adds that covering the face was a result of Persian and Turkish influences. It was a bourgeois, capitalist and imperialist weapon to differentiate between the levels of society.

Aiche also insists that in Islam

there is no uniform and goes to the extent of calling the use of one as "heretical." "All that Islam calls for is a decent look," she said emphatically.

The writer commends the women's emancipation movements already present in the Arab World. She gives as an outstanding example the advantages gained by women in South Yemen where their rights, including marriage and divorce, are protected by the law. She points out, however, that these movements exist on a different level from those in the West. The trend is not officially regulated but operates at grass roots level, trying to develop services and education. "In the Arab World, we have different kinds of problems from the West. We have large numbers of illiterate women so we have to start with literacy campaigns and the teaching of skills." Aiche explained with her characteristic enthusiasm.



Photography tops activities in French Centre

By Gamini Akmeemana

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Only a small plaque tells you what the place is, and the entrance is nondescript. But, a few steps off the busy street in Jabal Luweibdeh, and you are inside the French Cultural Centre, climbing short flights of steps flanked by walls festooned with voluptuous posters.

Talking to Mr. Roger Cloitre, the centre's energetic director, I realised how deceptive appearances can be. The French Cultural Centre's activities are not confined to teaching French, showing films and putting on exhibitions. It is a forum for photographers. Photography is taught, as well as gymnastics and silk painting.

Tucked away discreetly in Jabal Luweibdeh, the centre is an anathema of activity. Mr. Cloitre says he has spent a considerable time getting the building's numerous former occupants out, so that the centre could have more elbow room. This is highly desirable, since the French Cultural Centre is one of the most active cultural organisations in Amman.

Much of the credit must go to the initiative of Mr. Cloitre. Five years now in Amman doing his job, he is always on the lookout for new ideas that could become part of the centre's activities. The recent gymnastics classes for women is one such addition.

An excellent photographer himself, Mr. Cloitre has made sure that photography has become a major concern of the centre. But the French language takes up much of its energy, simply because

it is the most appealing subject the centre has to offer. Photography and silk painting may not be everybody's cup of tea, but many people seem to think that French is—though quite a few learn their mistake and drop out.

Each term, about 900 people register for French language classes; and there are four terms per year. But only half this number is taught at the Centre itself. The rest usually come from the Hotel Training School, the language centre for the Jordanian armed forces and the police academy, even though links with the last have been severed after it was moved to Mur'ah University.

There are 15 teachers, teaching from 9:00 a.m. till 7:30 p.m. Seven of them are French, and the other eight, Jordanians. In addition to teaching French, the Centre has now started teaching Arabic as well, for the benefit of those who, in the main, arrive in this country to look at printed matter from left to right, not vice versa.

If your first language, or even your second, happens to be French, then there is a library with 6,000 books. A great many belong to the French-made-easy category, but there's nothing to stop you from taking on heavier material from a wide variety of subjects. All leading French newspapers and periodicals are available. Membership of the Centre costs JD 3 per year. This allows you to use the library, which also has a collection of some 400 cassettes, on subjects ranging from all kinds of music to poetry and language-aids to even nursery rhymes.

The centre also has a collection of some 700 video films. These

however, cannot be borrowed. But anyone can see them at the centre upon request.

F.A. dictionary

The centre is now in the middle of producing a French-Arabic dictionary for the Hotel Training School. The bulk of the work is done by the centre's teachers, but it is not entirely the one-way affair it seems to be at first glance. The Hotel school can come up with useful suggestions. For example, an early draft of the text drawn up at the centre had given hotel rooms single-digit and double-digit numbers. This was thought to be all right till somebody at the Hotel School pointed out that no hotel in the world has room numbers of one or two digits.

The centre's designers work hard to produce a bilingual magazine called Echo. This is issued three times per year. One of the useful features of Echo is an item called "Les Bonnes Adresses," an exhaustive description of a restaurant in Amman. To prepare this, a team from the centre goes to a restaurant chosen randomly, and samples its wares with genuine French expertise. If they don't like what they eat, it's just too bad for the restaurant owner, who wouldn't know what's hit him till the next issue of Echo comes out. Perhaps certain restaurants ought to be grateful that the circulation of this magazine is rather limited.

The centre has its own printing press—a cyclostyle machine. Mr. Cloitre estimates that if all the printing work was done outside, it would cost the centre a fortune. He finds having one's own printing press rather exciting; so

much so that he would consider opening his own printing press somewhere in France upon retirement from the civil service. Everything from illustrations to the writing, and the technical work, is entirely voluntary. The enthusiasm is rather contagious. And it is necessary, because the centre's budget is limited and it must manage largely with what it earns from teaching French.

Since the fee is only JD 18 per term for one, the total income is not as huge as one might expect. The gymnastics lessons cost JD 15 per term. There are four classes, with 15 students in each. Silk painting is taught to four groups of nine people each, costing JD 28 per term. Photography lessons cost only JD 5 per term, with five teachers teaching 30 students. The centre uses the fees paid by students to buy them the equipment they need, which can be rather expensive, for example in silk painting.

But what really sets the centre apart from its rivals in Amman is an attitude—its cultural outlook is international. It's ready to play host to anybody from anywhere with something interesting to show. If you happen to be from Lapland, for example, and happen to wear magnificently embroidered socks, here's your chance to let the world know.

To drive the point home, Mr. Cloitre has organised a "Korean night" that will happen just before Christmas. Noticing the large number of Koreans who come to learn French, he invited them to show their acting, singing, dancing, cooking and other skills. The centre will soon put on an exhibition of puppets worldwide, to show that puppets can differ just as much as people do.

This is the third in a series of articles that looks into the activities of cultural centres in Amman.



Aiche Lemsine with several editions in different languages of her first two books

TV & RADIO

JORDAN TELEVISION	
MAIN CHANNEL	
17:30	Koran
17:50	Cartoons
18:10	Treasure Island
18:25	Muppet Show
19:00	Candid Camera
19:25	Local Programme
20:00	on Development
20:30	News in Arabic
21:30	Arabic Series
22:10	Muslim Philosophers
23:10	News in Arabic
RADIO JORDAN	
855 KHz, AM & 99 MHz, FM	& partly on 9560 KHz, SW
07:00	Morning Show
10:00	News Summary
10:05	Morning Show
12:00	News Summary
12:05	Pop Session
13:00	News Summary
13:05	Pop Session
14:00	News Bulletin
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14:20	Music
15:00	Concert Hour
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16:05	Instrumentals, Old Favourites
17:00	Talking Points, Pop Session
18:00	News Summary
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19:00	Newsdesk
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WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS	
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* Ecology in Action, at the French Cultural Centre.	
* Jazz Now, at the American Centre.	
* "Jordan—Land and People," paintings by Farouk Lambaz, at the Alfa Art Gallery.	
FILM	
* Video film on Jazz, at 3:30 p.m.	
VARIETY SHOW	
* Magic and variety show at the Hayya Arts Centre at 4:00 p.m.	
CULTURAL CENTRES	
AMERICAN CENTRE tel. 41520	
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French Cultural Centre tel. 37009	
GOETHE INSTITUTE tel. 41993	
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Regent condoles Zawabdeh family

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, deplored on Tuesday the governor of Ma'an to the Zawabdeh family on the death of Sheikh Samiun Mohammad Ibn Mutlaq.

Badran receives Iraqi Oil Ministry official

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran Tuesday received in his office Under-Secretary of the Iraqi Oil Ministry Abdul Mumin Al Samirai. The meeting was attended by Industry and Trade Minister Walid Asfour.

Jordan-Maldives minister discuss relations

AMMAN (Petra) — Education Minister Sa'id Al Tal Monday discussed with Maldives Islands Educational Minister Mohamed Saleh ways of strengthening educational and cultural relations between the two countries. The meeting was held when the latter made a stopover in Amman on Monday en route to Indonesia.

New Jordanian envoy leaves for Beirut

AMMAN (Petra) — New Jordanian Ambassador to Lebanon Mar Tassis Al Bilebi Monday left Amman for Beirut to assume his new post there.

NCC Legal Committee holds meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — The Legal Committee of the National Consultative Council (NCC) met Tuesday presided over by its Chairman Taher Hikmat. The meeting was attended by Interior Minister Ahmad Obaidat, Traffic Department Director Col. Ahmad Abu Al Su'ud and a representative of Jordanian insurance companies.

Zarqa committee chairman meets officials

ZARQA (Petra) — The chairman of the newly-appointed special committee for Zarqa, Nofan Al Hmoud, Tuesday reviewed with municipality officials ways of developing services rendered to residents of the city. The committee will hold its first meeting this weekend to study its working programme. Dr. Hmoud said the committee is made up of 10 members and not nine as previously mentioned.

Qatari sports delegation expected Nov. 27

AMMAN (Petra) — A sports delegation from the University of Qatar will arrive in Amman on Nov. 27 for a week-long visit at the invitation of the University of Jordan. During its stay in Jordan, the delegation, which is made up of three sports teams, will have soccer, basketball and volleyball matches with University of Jordan teams.

Societe Generale to open Amman office

AMMAN (Petra) — A regional representative office of the French Bank, Societe Generale, will be opened in Amman on Wednesday in the presence of a delegation of the bank's management. The bank is considered one of the major banks in the world. During its stay in Amman, the delegation will meet a number of Jordanian officials.

Jordan to attend Munich books exhibition

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan will take part in an international children and youth book exhibition to be held in Munich, West Germany, on Nov. 25. The month-long exhibition will include the International Library for Children and Youth in the Federal Republic of Germany.

University invited to Khartoum seminar

AMMAN (Petra) — The University of Jordan Tuesday received an invitation to take part in a seminar on higher studies in Arab universities. The seminar is organised by the University of Khartoum and will be held early December in the Sudanese capital. The seminar aims at assessing higher studies programmes in various Arab universities.

Seminar on mass communications to open in 'Allan community centre'

AMMAN (Petra) — The Princess Rahmeh Community Centre in Allan will begin next Saturday an Arab study seminar on the use of mass communications in integrated rural development in cooperation with the Jordanian government and the Economic Commission for West Asia (ECWA).

The aim of the month-long seminar is to raise the standard of the participants in training and in the use of mass communications in comprehensive rural development and to get acquainted with the achievements of Arab countries in this field as well as Jordan's experience in the Allan area, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra said.

Strong sense of composition gives Lambaz' drawings a feeling of reality

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The head of design section at the Public Relations Office of Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, Farouk Lambaz, has recently taken over the running of the Alia Art Gallery and his qualifications to do so are currently on display there for the next few days. The exhibition of his work, entitled "Jordan... Land and People," shows Mr. Lambaz to be in fact competently able to do the job. The 36 wax crayon drawings demonstrate his competency as well as a certain technical flair he possesses. The most important of all his assets is a sensitivity to his environment from which he picks up and observes nuances that are often overlooked by the rest of us because of their familiarity.

One of the nuances of Jordanian life that Mr. Lambaz makes us aware of is the watermelon stalls which are as individual to Jordan as the magenta robes of Madaba and the long black dresses of Sali women. In his own recently developed style which involves the mixing on the paper of wax crayons with a palette knife, Mr. Lambaz shows us the heaped mound of great green balls capped by two whose raw red wounds tempt passers-by with their promise of juicy cool sweetness. He shows the sagging tension of the hastily erected awning, the swinging hurricane lamp and the earthenware jar of drinking water. Beautifully composed (the triangle of the awning is echoed by that of the pile of fruit) Mr. Lambaz' application of his unusual media—where the outlines of his forms become a mass of hazy specks of colour—has the effect of softening the whole image as if it is lit by an evening light.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, is briefed by an officer of the Third Royal Armoured Division on the division's weapons during a ceremony held Tuesday to mark the division's 13th anniversary (Petra photo)

Hassan attends army exercises

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Tuesday received Amman Mayor Isam Ajlouni who briefed the Crown Prince on an accident which took place in Amman last Saturday when a huge boulder fell on a building and killed three employees of the Water Supply Corporation and injured three others.

Prince Hassan heard an explanation on the circumstances of the incident and affirmed that more attention should be paid to public safety to prevent similar incidents in the future.

He also asserted that precautionary measures should be taken to protect buildings vulnerable to landslides.

Crown Prince briefed on Saturday's landslide

The exercise included live-fire missions and various other manoeuvres which showed the division's accuracy and skill in hitting targets as well as the proper use of modern and advanced weapons.

Addressing the formation, Prince Hassan recalled the sacrifices of Jordanian Armed Forces and their persistent work to achieve the goals of the Arab Nation.

The commander of the division, addressing the ceremony, said like other divisions, close attention was paid to the Third Royal Armoured Division to achieve more combat efficiency. He said that the division has the most modern tanks and weapons and is seeking to train people from various ranks to operate these weapons and to achieve a higher degree of efficiency and professionalism.

Prince Hassan also reviewed a parade of armoured vehicles and modern equipment and was briefed on the extent of the development of all the division's weapons.

Prince Hassan handed over token gifts to several members of the families of martyrs.

The ceremony was attended by Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Ibn Shaker, Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Fathi Abu Taleb and several senior officers.

Geographic centre opens exhibition

KARAK (Petra) — Transport Minister Ali Sheimat opened here Tuesday an exhibition of the Jordanian Geographic Centre which is being organised on the 47th birthday anniversary of His Majesty King Hussein.

The exhibition includes maps representing various phases of the cartography industry in Jordan, and a project for the modernisation of maps in the area located west of the Amman-Aqaba railroad.

It also includes old maps dating back to the early seventies as well as maps of cities and tourist and antiquity sites in Jordan, various designs and aerial photos of cities and villages and samples of Jordan's atlas, maps for Palestine in past decades.

The three-day exhibition aims to acquaint the citizens with the significance of maps in scientific life and the role of the geographic centre in this field and the extent of its participation in Jordan's development plans.

Jordan attends energy meeting held in Canada

AMMAN (Petra) — Yarmouk University recently participated in an international energy conference and exhibition held in the city of Regina in Canada.

During the week-long conference, the participants discussed working papers on ways of energy conservation, electrolight systems, use of solar energy for agriculture, alternate fuel sources for transport, exploitation of solar energy as well as ground thermal energy.

Dr. Yousef Al Najjar, who represented the university in the conference, in which some 1,500 people from various parts of the world participated, submitted a research paper on shale oil.

AOSM terminology team to hold meetings in Syria

AMMAN (Petra) — The technical committee on terminology stemming of the Amman-based Arab Organisation for Standardisation and Metrology (AOSM) will hold its meetings in Damascus next Sunday and Monday.

AOSM Secretary-General Zafer Al Sawaf said the committee members will discuss several translations prepared by the AOSM for a number of standardisation terms drafted by an international terminology committee formed by the organisation.

Dr. Sawaf expressed the hope

that these terminologies would contribute to developing the methods of formulating Arab phrases and improving lexicons published in Arab countries.

The committee includes Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Syria as working members and the United Arab Emirates, Sudan, the Sultanate of Oman and Lebanon as observers and the Arab Telecommunications Union, the bureau for the coordination of Arabisation affiliated with the Arab League Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ALESCO) as liaison members.

Ministry allocates JD 500,000 for Karak joint services project

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani said Tuesday that an amount of JD 500,000 have been allocated for a joint services project in Karak Governorate.

During a meeting chaired by Mr. Momani in Karak and attended by government officials and heads of the municipal and village councils in the governorate, the participants discussed a working paper submitted by the Karak governor on the conditions of services in the governorate.

Mr. Momani said a comprehensive development plan will

be drawn up for Karak region similar to Amman and Irbid regions. He said the ministry floated a tender this year to conduct a survey of 140 villages in Jordan.

The participants decided during the meeting to hold an intensive training course for the accountants of municipalities and village councils in the governorate.

Mr. Momani visited Faqour Municipality where he opened a new municipality building which cost JD 40,000. He also visited the municipalities of Al Qasr and Al Rabieh where he discussed conditions of services there.

Ministry reduces maize prices

AMMAN (Petra) — Supply Minister Ibrahim Ayyoub issued Tuesday a decree fixing the prices of yellow maize at JD 63 per tonne for consumers and farmers delivered to them, and at JD 60 per tonne for the consumers and farmers delivered from the ministry warehouses.

The new prices will be effective as of Nov. 17, 1982. Ministry of supply officials said the reduction of the prices is due to the decline of the international prices of maize.

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The enemy is not from within

HAARETZ, the independent Israeli newspaper, Tuesday quoted details of "directives" issued by the Israeli Civil Administration in the West Bank to reduce what was called Jordanian influence in the occupied territory.

The directives include taking "maximum measures against Jordanian sympathisers to bring them around to supporting the (Israeli) administration" and call for "establishing control over the local (Palestinian) system and for massive dismissals of those who stand in the way," the newspaper reported.

Those who know what the Begin government stands for cannot take the report lightly. Even the opposition Labour Party did not waste time in demanding the revocation of the new directives, according to Israel Radio.

Although the new Israeli step is not in itself a new Israeli policy, there is little doubt that its timing is aimed at aborting any likelihood of a Jordanian-Palestinian-American understanding on the future of the occupied territories. As such, Jordan, the Palestine Lib-

eration Organisation (PLO) and the U.S. administration should devise the means to confront the latest diversion in Mr. Begin's favourite series.

In the absence of direct communications between the U.S. and the PLO, we know the peace task is going to be much more difficult. But that is where Jordan can play its most important role, and where it needs the most understanding from all Arabs, particularly the Palestinians.

As far as Mr. Begin knows, an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza could not be much different from a confederation of Palestine and Jordan. They are all Arabs who want Jewish blood, he is always telling everybody and anybody who cares to listen.

Such knowledge does not of course mean that the Arabs should paint their politics with Begin's favourite colours, but it unmistakably suggests that our enemy is not from within.

JORDAN'S ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Israel gets what it asked for

Those who proclaimed Monday a mourning day for the Israelis after the explosion at the Israeli military headquarters in Tyre are the very same people who instigated such an incident, described by the Knesset (Israeli parliament) president as a disaster that exceeded all apprehensions.

The tears shed for those killed in the incident should have been taken account of before and during the invasion of Lebanon, with all the destruction and massacres they engineered and carried out, the price of which they are paying at the present.

The time has come for the Israeli leadership to recognise that only peace can preserve lives, and that justice is the only basis for peace, and that persistence in obstructing its path arrogantly is a

crime committed against all the peoples in the region.

The time has also come for them who think they can go on terrorising and killing Arabs to realise that gambling with human lives is a two way prospectus; and when sufferings take place, it is the initiator that is to blame and be held responsible.

Nevertheless, the present drive for motivating the peace process in the region should be taken seriously. And to maintain an attitude aimed at foiling all peace prospects will only mean a continuation of bloodshed, sufferings and mourning.

We wish that the Israeli leaders would understand that the hand that crushes the olive branch should not be expected to reap flowers, a fact sufficiently expressed at Tyre.

Al Dustour: Foil Israeli designs on Lebanon

The Israeli persistence in reaping gains from the invasion of Lebanon is only met with international condemnation of the invasion and its consequential destruction, massacre and pains. It has presented Israel to the world for what it is: a blind military force self-free from any humane, moral or principled considerations.

The Lebanese people and government openly oppose all forms of political, economic or military influence by Israel on Lebanese soil. To them, sovereignty and free practice of national rights cannot be exercised without an unconditional withdrawal of the Israeli forces from all Lebanese territories.

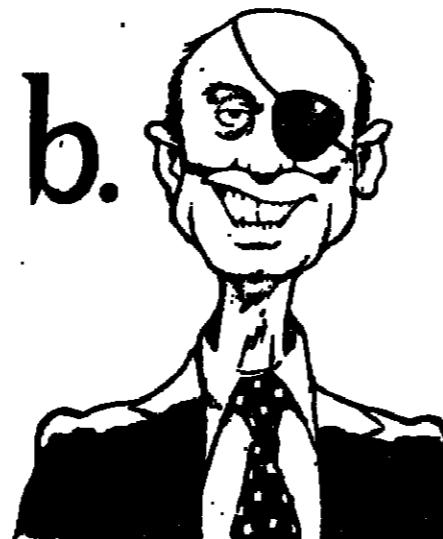
The Lebanese expect the Arab states, particularly following President Amin Gemayel's visit to Morocco, to support their cause effectively. They also expect the U.S., which played a special role during and after the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, to use its undisputed influence over Is-

rael to help restore sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon. The multinational force, heavily engineered and contributed to by the U.S., has overseen the security arrangements made in Lebanon, which gives the American administration full mandate and responsibility over the Israeli's presence on Lebanese territory.

Israel practically forms a threat that could result in the partition of Lebanon. The inter-factional hostilities instigated and fostered by the occupation forces are meant to create a suitable climate for the continuation of the Israeli presence. Insistence on maintaining a special role for renegade Maj. Saad Haddad only leads to the same end.

The Arabs, the U.S. administration and the United Nations are urgently called upon to foil the Israeli plans aimed at achieving hegemonic and annexationist ambitions through the use of force.

History Quiz:
Which one of these
Israeli leaders
was famous
for his
blindness?



Correct Answer: a.

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SCIENCE & INDUSTRY

By Dr. Awn Rifai

Acoustic microscopy takes over testing tasks

The propagation of sound waves through materials is influenced by the latter's physical properties such as density, viscoelasticity and thermoelectricity. Any variation in the propagated waves is thus an indication on those properties, a technique used by scientists for the subsurface investigation of materials.

The device that permits the scientists to see minute structural details of an object by displaying the object's response to ultrasonic sound is known as the acoustic microscope. The technique can be applied to a wide variety of subsurface non-destructive testing requirements in biomedical research, clinical diagnostics, materials research and microelectronics ins-

pection and quality control. Although the device is still in the early stages of development it already has attained resolutions comparable with those of optical microscopes. The device comprises a system which generates and senses the ultrasonic waves over the object's surface, and another system to convert the obtained information into an optical image. The three microscopy systems which have been developed in the last several years differ greatly in the manner in which they expose objects to ultrasonic radiation, whereas the image conversion modes are very similar.

The distribution of sound over an object can be displayed visually by scanning the area in a raster pattern, converting the

sound variable into voltage. The voltage modulates the intensity of a light spot in a cathode-ray tube. More sophisticated systems employ electronic image processing to enhance the image or to extract specific information.

The acoustic microscopy technique has been used to obtain micrographs of layers in tiny electronic integrated circuit chips without affecting the composition of the layers. It has also been used to produce images of cancer cells in unpaired human liver tissue, showing tumour cells with living or dead cells. Clear images of a magnetic recording head showing the structural details of the head's ferrite particles were obtained via this technique which in many cases has man-

ifested some merits over optical microscopy.

Research on non-destructive testing of materials using acoustic microscopy is still being undertaken. The development of microelectronics and laser technology has largely enhanced the acoustic technique and its applications. There is no need to perform any chemical

treatment of the object, and the technique allows the investigation of objects that are opaque to optics waves. It is estimated that it will not be long before acoustic microscopy takes over many testing tasks in research, industry and medicine, with better resolution and at less cost or risk or destruction.

Lukewarm replies to peace force

By Harvey Morris

Reuter

LONDON — Lebanon has so far received only lukewarm replies from six countries it has approached to join a three-nation peace force already stationed there. Western diplomats say outstanding questions on the size and responsibilities of the proposed expanded peace force are causing the six to soft-pedal on whether to meet the Lebanese request.

The existing peace force, made up of some 4,000 troops from the United States, France and Italy, returned to Lebanon on an open-ended assignment after the massacre of Palestinian civilians in Beirut two months ago.

In the past week, the Lebanese government of President Amin Gemayel has approached Austria, Belgium, Britain, the Netherlands, Sweden and South Korea to provide troops for an enlarged force. So far, none has given a positive reply and Western diplomats said no early decision was expected from the countries in question.

"The problem is that the assignment is open-ended and there is still no clear idea what sort of force Gemayel has in mind," one diplomat commented.

British officials say they are closely studying the request but point out that Britain already has heavy troop commitments elsewhere.

Austria has said it can send troops to Beirut only at the direct request of an international body such as the United Nations and that such a move would have to be approved by Parliament.

In Brussels, Belgian officials say the cost of the enterprise will figure in their careful consideration of the Lebanese request, while South Korea says internal and international factors must be looked at before a reply can be made.

President Gemayel said last month that he would like the multinational force to be increased to 30,000 men, a figure Western officials regard as unrealistically high. The purpose of the enlarged force would be to help the Lebanese army extend its authority outside the Beirut area in order to create the conditions for the early withdrawal of Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces still on Lebanese territory.

Only under U.N. mandate

As well as approaching new countries to join the force, Lebanon has also been consulting the existing participants on enlarging their contingents. Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo was in Beirut this week and said Italy would increase its contingent if more men were necessary and Lebanon asked for them.

Western officials said it was still not clear whether an expanded international presence in Beirut would come within the framework of the three-nation multinational force around Beirut or that of the 11-nation U.N. (UNIFIL) peace force based in South Lebanon since 1978.

Diplomats in Beirut noted that some countries prefer to commit troops abroad only under a U.N. mandate. The present three-nation force was set up largely under U.S. auspices, outside the framework of the United Nations.

The Gemayel government apparently wants to keep the UNIFIL force on base in South Lebanon for the time being but has given no indication whether it wants its strength or operating area enlarged.

Israel, although taking no public part in the debate on the expansion of the Lebanon peace force, has made it known it objects to a larger role for UNIFIL.

Israeli officials say priority must be given to strengthening the Lebanese army and extending its control throughout Lebanon rather than to increasing the presence of foreign peace troops. Israel has not attempted to block expansion of the multinational force but officials insist Menachem Begin's government will reject the inclusion of any countries that have no relations with Israel.

The prospects of Morocco, a country officially at war with Israel, joining the expanded force already appear to have faded because of Israeli objections. Morocco was not included in the list of countries approached by the Lebanese despite persistent reports it was prepared to send troops.

Western diplomats said no unilateral decision was expected from any of the six that were approached before further consultations. They said the United States and the Western European countries involved were in touch on the issue, with Washington expected to take a coordinating role.

East Timor becomes Indonesian?

By Peter Griffiths

Reuter

JAKARTA — Indonesia and Portugal are accelerating rival efforts to influence a United Nations vote this month on East Timor, part of a tiny island 350 miles north of Australia.

For the past seven years Indonesia has been trying, and failing by an ever narrowing margin, to win international acceptance of its annexation of the former Portuguese colony of East Timor in 1975. The issue dominates Indonesia's foreign policy. With the goal of having the subject dropped from the U.N. agenda finally within striking distance, foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumahadja has been making an extra effort to win friends.

He flew to Rome in May for talks with Pope Paul on possible mediation by the Holy See in the dispute with Portugal, which severed diplomatic relations with Jakarta after the annexation. The papal nuncio in Jakarta, Bishop Martinho Da Costa Lopes, is one of the most outspoken critics of Jakarta's policies in the predominantly Catholic territory.

Dr. Mochtar later made a four-nation West African tour aimed primarily at explaining Indonesia's Timor position. Lisbon, also sensing a close vote, has mounted what Dr. Mochtar calls a last minute counter-offensive, sending a delegation to Europe, India and Australia among other places to win support for U.N. stand.

Close vote

The United Nations has regularly condemned Indonesia for the invasion and integration of East Timor, now its 27th province, in resolutions supported by Portugal and usually sponsored by Mozambique, Angola or Guinea Bissau.

The resolutions called for Indonesia to cooperate with Portugal as the "administering power" and for the U.N. to guarantee the right of East Timor's people to self-determination.

A source close to President Suharto told Reuters he believed this year's General Assembly vote would be closer than ever, even though he did not expect Jakarta would succeed in having the issue dropped from the agenda until 1983. Last year the General Assembly adopted the resolution by 54 votes to 42 with 46 abstentions.

This year the Indonesian government will have an unofficial spokesman to testify before the General Assembly's committee on colonial questions in former Australian Prime Minister Gough Whitlam.

Mr. Whitlam made a much-publicised trip to East Timor earlier this year and later gave a favourable account of the situation there to a press conference in Jakarta, denying reports that Timor was facing famine.

In the late 1970s tens of thousands of Timorese died from the combined effects of civil war and famine. The International Red Cross (ICRC) launched an emergency relief operation in 1979.

and described scenes as bad as anything he had seen in Biafra.

The question of whether there is famine in Timor has since become something of a political football. All Indonesia is suffering a serious drought this year and Timor, arid and poverty-stricken at the best of times, has not escaped. In neighbouring Iran Jaya at least 100 people are officially said to have died of starvation.

But officials say Timor is getting better treatment in terms of government relief aid than other provinces.

An ICRC team reported last week that the food situation would be satisfactory if Jakarta carried out President Suharto's order to send an extra 1,000 tons has coincided with evidence that guerrillas of the Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor (FRETILIN) had not been totally subdued, as some officials claim.

Authoritative Indonesian sources in Jakarta said there had been four or five gunbattles in the central highlands in August in which a dozen government troops were killed or wounded.

FRETILIN activity had since died down, they said, and the authorities had sent about 600 more villagers suspected of helping the guerrillas to camps on Atauro island just off the capital, Dili.

Some of Atauro's "temporarily displaced" people had earlier been allowed to return home, they said. The number of mainlanders held on Atauro was 3,352 in May. The total has now increased to 3,706, the sources said.

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By Francesco Gee
Reuter

PARIS.—France plans to revolutionise its telecommunications network in the 1980s by replacing conventional copper wire cables with optical fibres.

The fibres will make France's network one of the most advanced in the world and bring cable television into the homes of millions of Frenchmen.

A pilot videophone system using the same technology will allow telephone callers in one town to see each other while they talk.

The country's Socialist government has cleared the way for

French telecom network is on the road to modernisation

the transformation by agreeing to relax the state television monopoly and this month it decided to invest five billion francs (\$700 million) in the system.

Local cable television trials will begin in the northern town of Lille, where Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy is mayor. Until now cable has been available only in tiny areas near the West German and Belgian borders.

Work on laying the cables in a dozen cities will begin next year and about 1.4 million homes will

be plugged in by 1985. Half the country should be linked up by 1995.

The benefits will be a relaxation of the parisonian stranglehold on television broadcasting and possibly an expansion in the computer and optical fibre industries.

The videophones, which look like small televisions with telephone handsets attached, will start operating in the fashionable Atlantic resort of Biarritz next year.

The trial network will be the

most extensive videophone system in the world, with 1,500 subscribers connected.

The Biarritz subscribers will also have access to a wide range of other services including high-fidelity stereo channels.

The videophone terminal can already provide information and entertainment services to 2,500 homes in an experiment at Vélizy near Paris.

Jacques Dondoux, director-general of telecommunications,

said an early start on cabling with optical fibres would enable engineers to resolve technical problems before the scheduled launch of Franco-German TV satellites in 1985 and 1986.

"It will take us three or four years to really master this technique," he explained. "If we start immediately, we will be ready in 1986. If we wait until then, our delays will accumulate."

Optical fibres carry 200 times as much traffic as conventional cables of the same thickness and the

quality of transmission is much higher.

They transmit images as well as sound waves -- ideal for systems which allow users to consult databanks.

There are also production advantages. Glass fibre is made out of sand which is cheap and readily available. Copper is expensive, imported and susceptible to the vagaries of the commodity markets.

Scientists have long known

about the potential of glass as a transmission agent. They first used light to carry information in the 18th century with optical telegraphy.

But until they developed laser beams in 1960, their techniques for directing and stabilising light were unreliable.

Once they discovered how to bring erratic beams under control, scientists were able to turn sound waves and images into light imp-

ulses. These are transmitted by optical fibre cable with almost no loss of quality.

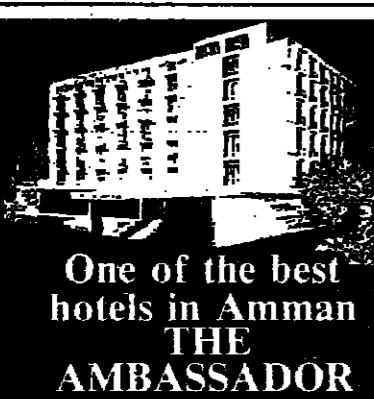
To meet the expansion in demand for the fibres, the French firms Thomson-CSF and Santi-Gobain have joined the U.S. Company Corning Glass to form Fibres Optiques Industries (FOI).

FOI currently produces 30,000 kilometres of fibre a year and is expected to increase output tenfold by 1985.

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France prepares for Davis Cup final against U.S.

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For the second singles slot until the day of the draw.

The squad is the same one that beat New Zealand 4-1 in the semi-finals last month in Aix-en-Provence, when Noah and Leconte played the doubles with McEnroe and Peter Fleming.

But Loth said: "Noah and Leconte have been practising doubles and playing a lot together, up to six or seven hours a day."

Despite the widely-held view that McEnroe, the world number two, is not happy on slower clay courts, he still remains the biggest threat. He showed as he won the London Grand Prix title Sunday that he had returned to his best form.

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Liverpool's Lee wins 1st cap in England's side

SALONIKA, Greece (R) — Liverpool's tiny midfield ace Sammy Lee wins his first England cap Wednesday as manager Bobby Robson sends out an injury-ravaged side to face Greece in a Group Three European Championship qualifier here.

Robson, still looking for his first international win since taking over as England boss in September, has called on the little man to shore up England's midfield.

And with clubmates Phil Thompson and Phil Neal lining up in England's defence, Robson has given his side a distinct Liverpool look in an attempt to break his duck.

Greek manager Christos Arctontides looks likely to stick with the side who beat Luxembourg 2-0 in their opening qualifier last month.

Midfielder Christos Ardzoglou

is set to return after a year's absence, with striker Thomas Mavros their danger man.

England, held to a 2-2 draw with Denmark in their opening qualifier in September, go into the match robbed of World Cup players Ray Wilkins, Steve Coppell, Trevor Francis and Terry Butcher through injury.

Lee is the only uncapped player in the England side who should start favourites to win and move to the top of the group.

But in the unfamiliar terrain of Salonika's Kaftatzoglio stadium with a hostile Greek crowd, only the brave or foolish would put money on a certain English victory.

Greece drew first blood Tuesday when their under-21s scored a 1-0 win over England, the reigning European Champions, with

goal four minutes from time. But Bryan Robson, who takes over as England captain for the first time with his Manchester United teammate Wilkins still out, will be more determined than usual that the seniors do not slump to defeat in his first game as skipper.

First division matches in Greece were cancelled on Sunday, leaving the Greek side more than a week to prepare for the match.

But Robson has had only a few days to restructure his side, following the loss of Butcher and Coppell after the weekend's League matches in England.

Fears of violence from England's fans did not materialise Tuesday, although there was a considerable police presence when England trained this morning.

Schuster returns to W. German national team for clash against N.Ireland

BELFAST (R) — Northern Ireland may be excused for not joining in the general jubilation when West German soccer star Bernd Schuster ends his 18-month spell in the wilderness at Windsor Park here Wednesday.

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The West Germans, hot favourites to win Group Six and qualify for the 1982 finals in France,

Unpredictable Swiss to play Scotland in European soccer

BERNE (R) — Having conquered World Champions Italy in Rome, Switzerland have high hopes of picking up the pieces of their European Soccer Championship campaign against Scotland in the Wankdorf stadium Wednesday.

The unpredictable Swiss made a poor start in Group One when they were thrashed 3-0 in Belgium on Oct. 6 but showed their true worth by beating the Italians 1-0 in a friendly three weeks later.

Scotland, slowly rebuilding after a somewhat disappointing

World Cup, made a confident start with a 2-0 win over East Germany in Glasgow last month.

The morale of the Swiss is at an all-time high and, not surprisingly, manager Paul Wolsberg has stuck with the 11 heroes of Rome.

Scotland manager Jock Stein, who admits to being pleased that Barberis and Botteron are out, has made just one change to the team which beat the East Germans.

Dundee United Striker Paul Sturrock, who came on as substitute and scored the second goal, plays from the start in place of Tottenham's Steve Archibald.

The happiest man in the Scottish party was Aberdeen's Gordon Strachan who had a tooth dislodged in a League game at the weekend and has been having difficulty eating and sleeping.

But the little midfielder, who has been in sublime form recently, showed no ill-effects in training this morning and was passed fit.

Strachan has emerged as one of the game's biggest personalities and his presence is vital to the Scots. He tore apart the East German defence at Hampden and his jinking runs will pose the Swiss similar problems.

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Koopmans retains European boxing title

ROTTERDAM (R) — Dutchman Rudi Koopmans retained his European light-heavyweight boxing title here Monday night but had to call on all his experience before stopping young compatriot Alex Blanchard.

British referee John Coyle stopped the fight after one minute 28 seconds of the eighth round of the scheduled 12-round contest after Koopmans caught Blanchard with a tremendous right hook to the chin, followed by a left to the body and another right to the chin.

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ECONOMY

Israel's inflation rate rockets

JERUSALEM (R) — Israel's consumer price index rose by 8.4 per cent in October, bringing the inflationary rate during the last 12-month period to over 135 per cent, the Bureau of Central Statistics announced Monday.

If the current rate of inflation continues during the final two months of the year, the 1982 rate will total 138 per cent, the bureau said.

The October rise was chiefly caused by increased prices of food, clothing and housing, it added.

GCC prepares market plan

MANAMA (OPECNA) — The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) is drawing up a comprehensive marketing strategy for the region's industries.

In an interview published here, Saudi Industry and Electricity Minister Ghazi Al Qussabi spoke of efforts by the six member states to coordinate their industrial activities.

Industry ministers were preparing a programme under which factories in the region would be mutually complementary, said Mr. Qussabi.

The GCC is also considering the possibility of setting up a Gulf technological research centre, and the secretariat is undertaking a survey on training in the region.

Turkey to guide gold trading

ANKARA (R) — Turkey will set an official daily gold price from Tuesday in line with world prices as a guide to domestic trading in the metal, the central bank announced Monday.

It said the move was part of the government's economic policy of "opening its doors to outside" and was in line with the daily fixing of the Turkish lira against foreign currencies started in May 1981.

The official price of gold was last set in Turkey in February 1973 at \$42.22 an ounce, some 10 times below the present international price. There is a flourishing domestic market in gold coins and jewellery, regarded as prestige investments, and newspapers publish market prices daily that correspond to international prices.

The central bank was considering the possibility of entering the gold market as a buyer in the near future but this had not yet been decided, the statement said. It added that it had also not been decided at what rate to re-evaluate the central bank's gold stock, now assessed at \$42.22 an ounce.

It said the new daily rate would not be imposed on the market but would be a guide.

Sudan devalues pound

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan Monday devalued its currency by 31 per cent against the dollar, the country's second massive devaluation in 14 months.

Finance Minister Ibrahim Monem Mansour said the new rate for the Sudanese pound would be 76 cents compared with \$1.1 previously.

Announcing the devaluation in parliament, Mr. Mansour gave no reasons for the move but financial sources said it was probably taken on the advice of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Last February the IMF granted a \$224 million loan to pro-Western Sudan. The one-year loan was designed to strengthen the country's agriculture sector, which had been hurt by what the agency described as "financial disincentives."

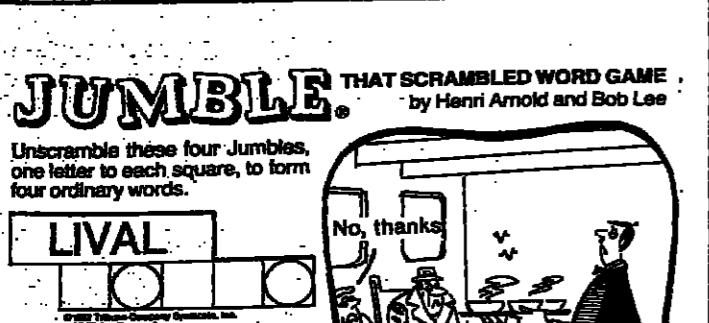
Mr. Mansour said his government would take unspecified measures to minimize the effects of the devaluation on the cost of living, which is bound to shoot up due to Monday's decision.

Last January street riots erupted in the Sudanese capital after the government introduced tough austerity measures.

The government last devalued the pound by 55 per cent in September, 1981.

Hong Kong may keep status

HONG KONG (R) — China might approve a "capitalist charter" for this British colony's future later this month, a Chinese official has told worried Hong Kong industrialists who will visit Peking Wednesday.



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Saturday's: Answer: The best book to study before planning a big trip — THE BANKBOOK

Sterling continues slide

LONDON (R) — The pound sterling slipped Tuesday to its lowest overall level against other currencies in seven months amid concern that reduced North Sea oil revenues and a rise in Britain's imports will hurt its balance of payments.

A Bank of England index weighing the value of the pound against other currencies based on their share in British trade sank to 89.7 per cent of its 1975 value Tuesday, the first time it has fallen below 90 per cent since 20 May.

Currency dealers said the pound's decline was especially large against the West German mark.

Sterling's weakness was blamed on expectations that world oil prices would remain low for some time, reducing Britain's North Sea oil revenues, and concern about government figures Monday on retail sales and manufacturing activity suggesting a sharp rise in imports.

The Conservative British government has said that the dollar is overvalued on world currency markets but has been unhappy with sterling's relative strength against its West European competitors.

A combination of unsuccessful

Soviet official calls for U.S. pledge

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet Foreign Trade Minister Nikolai Patolichev called on Washington Tuesday to pledge never again to impose sanctions against Moscow and said such a promise could lead to a major increase in trade.

Speaking at a meeting of the U.S.-U.S.S.R. trade and economic council in Moscow, Mr. Patolichev said the U.S. share of

Moscow's imports was far below potential and had suffered badly because of Washington's political moves against trade.

The trade minister said that in principle there were major opportunities for American businessmen in the Soviet Union and Moscow would favour a major boost in economic links if conditions were right.

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VW reports heavy losses

BONN (R) — A slump in sales on the U.S. market helped produce heavy losses for Volkswagen in the first nine months of the year, the West German car company said Tuesday.

The group, which is Western Europe's leading car maker and West Germany's second biggest employer, reported a hefty 14 million marks (\$60 million) loss after a small profit in the same period of 1981—and financial analysts say VW's profit prospects, like the car market, are unlikely to improve before mid-1983.

A combination of unsuccessful takeovers, top management changes and problems at overseas

subsidiaries have hit a company already suffering from a worldwide fall in car sales.

Volkswagen's recent troubles started when it bought the typewriter and computer company, Triumph-Adler, in March 1979 in an attempt at diversification. But VW's proven expertise in the car market did not work in the electronics sector.

Finance Director Friedrich Thomee, who had backed the Triumph-Adler takeover, resigned last October following workforce cuts and losses at the sub-

sidiary which led VW to report its first quarterly loss since 1975.

Only 10 days after Mr. Thomee's departure, VW's Chief Executive Toni Schmucker, who had dragged the firm from the brink of bankruptcy in the mid-1970s, was forced to resign for health reasons.

Mr. Schmucker was succeeded by Mr. Carl Hahn, previously

by the country's largest

tye-maker Conti Gummi.

But a collapse in U.S. car sales this year has dealt a harsh blow to Mr. Hahn's hopes of a quick recov-

ery. He cited the chemical, petrochemical and consumer industries and providing agricultural and food processing equipment as fields in which U.S. firms had good chances.

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FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17, 1982

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day when you are articulate and able to express yourself with a greater amount of clarity and enthusiasm. But it's best to double-check conditions before making any changes.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You have new ideas that can be put in operation if you go to the right sources of information you need. Control your temper.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Your intuition is very good now so be sure to rely on it more than usual. A brighter future is in the making.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Listening closely to what associates say can help you get ahead. Be more concerned with your finances. Be practical.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Be sure to keep your word with fellow workers. Don't scatter your forces and get the results you want.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Exercise your special talent and command a larger income in the future. Be sure to budget your money carefully.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Try not to disturb family ties in any way and do what will be most appreciated by them. Safeguard your reputation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Get in touch with partners and improve routines so that you can command greater income in the future. Sidestep a foe.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Study your monetary status and know how to make it better. Make a new plan that will add to your present abundance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Concentrate on a new plan to gain your personal desires. Strive to have increased harmony with family members.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Take some time to think about gaining your personal aims. Steer clear of one who likes to waste your time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Find a better way of handling important business matters. A wiser attitude toward love brings excellent results.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Make sure you know what is expected of you by associates and try to please them. Take time to engage in favorite hobby.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be full of ideas but has to be taught to differentiate between those that are good and those that are not. Give as fine an education as you can. There is a fine balance of mind and physical activity in this chart.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

UAE spends 7.5% of GNP on aid

ABUDHABI (OPECNA) — The United Arab Emirates is spending 7.5 per cent of its Gross National Product (GNP) on aid to developing countries, according to Mr. Hassan Selim, deputy director general of the Abu Dhabi Fund for Arab Economic Development (ADFAEA).

He told visiting journalists here at the weekend, "the average for the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is between four and five per cent, which goes beyond the 0.7 per cent recommended by the U.N. and compares most favourably with the 0.35 per cent average of

the OECD states."

He suggested the liberalisation of loans by international agencies on which developing countries depend, adding, "it's very difficult for recipient countries to meet the obligations of the World Bank, which instead of easing terms, has called for policy changes in recipient countries."

He said ADFAEA was set up primarily to aid developing countries and not to seek profit.

When the government set up the fund in 1971 with a \$125 million capital, it was to finance development projects in Arab cou-

ntries. However, with the accumulation of reserves, our authorised capital was raised to \$500 million in 1974, and five years later to \$1 billion and the scope of our activities enlarged to include developing countries in Africa and

Asia."

ADFAEA now has a paid-up capital of \$700 million and has so far invested about \$1 billion in 76 projects in 37 developing countries.

"We also manage projects financed by the government worth \$750 million. We have extended technical assistance of about \$700,000 and have equity par-

The deputy director general said so far ADFAEA had not been affected by recession.

"We have not found any difficulty in getting funds," he said.

"Diversification of our sources of revenue has enabled us to provide for many days. Our problem is that of follow-up in the implementation of projects."

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The market was sharply lower with blue chips and government bonds particularly hard hit, dealers said.

The F.T. index of thirty leading shares was down 14.4 at 617.6 at 1500 Tuesday although this fall was not commensurate with the moderate trading volume and overall the market was mixed.

Glaxo was down 90p at 1,380 while Beecham and Blue Circle both gave up 10p at 371 and 495 respectively.

The weakness of sterling and waning hopes of a U.S. discount rate cut after Monday's disappointing U.S. money supply data continued to depress bonds, dealers said. Long dates ended two points down after earlier falls of 2½ points in places.

Ultramar, down 10p at 523, lost some of its recent gains but other oils were narrowly mixed. Gold shares were generally firm in line with the bullion price.

Plessey fell 12p to 632 ahead of Thursday's interims while GEC and Thorn lost 8p and 15p respectively.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

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One U.S. dollar	1.2251/54	Canadian dollars
	2.5737/47	West German marks
	2.7965/75	Dutch guilders
	2.2030/45	Swiss francs
	49.82/85	Belgian francs
	7.2760/2810	French francs
	1480.00/1481.00	Italian lire
	264.80/265.00	Japanese yen
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WORLD

Lech Walesa 'on tightrope' as underground leader stands trial

GDANSK, Poland (R) — Lech Walesa, leader of the banned Solidarity union, has compared his release from internment with walking a slippery tightrope but said he does not intend to fall.

Speaking to reporters on his first full day of freedom after 11 months of detention, he said he would have to act prudently or find himself back in prison.

He said he needed time to assess the situation in Poland and his own future options after his prolonged isolation.

"I want to listen to the voice of my homeland," he said.

Mr. Walesa, 39, said he would act with courage but also prudence in efforts to bring agreement and peace to his country.

He had been surprised that he was released while hundreds of his Solidarity colleagues remained interned.

He felt that he had been "let out on a tightrope below which is the exercise yard of a prison—and in addition this tightrope has been greased."

He added: "I intend not to fall."

Mr. Walesa was speaking in Gdansk as Wladyslaw Frasyniuk, a former colleague on the national Solidarity presidium, was going on trial in the western Polish city of Wroclaw for his activities as one of the top underground opposition leaders.

Mr. Frasyniuk is the most important underground figure to go on trial since the imposition of martial law last December.

By timing his trial now the authorities appeared to be maintaining a policy of mixing popular concessions while not easing their grip on internal security.

"Western interest in Walesa is paranoid"

WARSAW (R) — A Polish government spokesman said Tuesday the West had a paranoid interest in the future of Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader freed from internment last weekend, and had made his release "a sensation of the day."

He said the authorities had foreseen the relatively restrained response to Mr. Walesa's homecoming, which contrasted with the vast following he enjoyed just a year ago as leader of the 9.5 million-strong union.

The spokesman said there were growing signs that conditions were being created to lift martial law, imposed last December, but would not be drawn on the future of about 1,000 internees who remain in detention.

The authorities have not sought to discredit Mr. Walesa but the press has virtually ignored his release. The Communist Party daily Trybuna Ludu carried a one-paragraph item next to a longer account of the trial of a Solidarity underground leader.

Spokesman Jerzy Urban, said the government had not expected major disturbances when Mr. Walesa was released, otherwise they would not have freed him. Most Poles wanted to see the country calm.

Mr. Urban said this was the first month since martial law was imposed on Dec. 13 last year that the 13th day had not been marked by demonstrations or disturbances.

Kohl: 'Reagan should meet new Soviet leadership'

WASHINGTON (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, on a goodwill mission to the United States, has suggested that President Reagan meet personally with the new Soviet leadership.

"I said he should meet with the new leaders, but only after careful preparation," Mr. Kohl told a press conference last night following a private dinner with the president.

The two leaders had earlier issued a joint statement saying they wanted to improve relations with the Soviet Union following the death of Leonid Brezhnev and his replacement with Yuri Andropov, the former KGB intelligence chief.

But the two men said they would work to strengthen the conventional and nuclear forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) and reaffirmed their agreement to base 108 Pershing medium-range nuclear missiles in West Germany beginning next year.

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